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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: WHAT DO WE SHOW CSCE OBSERVERS

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1. POLADS MET AUGUST 24 WITH US, FRG, DANISH, BELGIAN AND NETHERLANDS MILITARY EXPERTS FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HANDLING CSCE OBSERVERS AT ALLIED MANEUVERS. WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION REVEALED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) NUMBER OF OBSERVERS

- OPTIMAL TOTAL SHOULD PROBABLY NOT EXCEED 30, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS AT BRIEFING POINTS AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

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- OPTIMAL NUMBER PER NATION INVITED IS ONE OR TWO; IF MORE ARE INCLUDED THEY TEND TO BEHAVE AS A PRIVATE GROUP.

(B) WHAT TO SHOW OBSERVERS

- OPENNESS IS DESIRABLE IN FULL SPIRIT OF FINAL ACT

CBMS PROVISIONS.

(C) DURATION OF OBSERVATION

- OPTIMAL DURATION IS TWO OR THREE DAYS, BUT IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON NATURE OF EXERCISE.

(D) INFORMATION PROVIDED TO OBSERVERS

- BRIEFINGS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ORIENT OBSERVERS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH ENOUGH DETAILS TO UNDERSTAND THE RELATED OPERATIONS BEING OBSERVED; PRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND SIMPLE, AND AVOID OVERLOAD OF FACTS THAT MAY CONFUSE MORE THAN ENLIGHTEN; CSCE OBSERVERS SHOULD BE TOLD ESSENTIALLY WHAT WOULD BE TOLD TO PRESS OBSERVERS

- INFORMATION ON CW AND NUCLEAR ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE VOLUNTEERED, QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ANSWERED TO THE EFFECT THAT (A) DEFENSIVE MEASURES AGAINST CW ATTACKS ARE INCLUDED IN THE MANEUVER (IF APPLICABLE); AND (B) NUCLEAR PLAY IS INCLUDED (IF APPLICABLE); HOWEVER, IN A FREE PLAY EXERCISE THE TIMING AND EXTENT IS NOT ESTABLISHED.

(E) FACILITIES GRANTED TO OBSERVERS

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- MEANS OF TRANSPORT SHOULD BE THE FASTEST AVAILABLE
- USE OF BINOCULARS AND CAMERAS SHOULD BE PERMITTED

(F) ESCORT OFFICERS

- SHOULD BE ROUGHLY ONE PER FOUR OBSERVERS; LANGUAGE PROFICIENT

- SHOULD BE AWARE OF BASIC CBMS PROVISIONS, (AS SHOULD OTHERS WITH WHOM CSCE OBSERVERS MAY HAVE CONTACT).

- SHOULD BE SENSITIVE TO NEED TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

(G) ADVANCE PLANNING

- ADVANTAGES OF EARLIEST POSSIBLE (A) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON INVITATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES; AND (B) CONTACTS AMONG IMPLEMENTING MILITARY PARTICIPANTS.

2. US EXPERT FROM EUCOM J3 EXERCISE DIVISION TOOK THE

LEAD IN THE DISCUSSION, DESCRIBING PRACTICES DEVELOPED BY EUCOM IN TWO YEARS OF CBMS IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE, AND ANSWERING, TOGETHER WITH FRG EXPERT, NUMEROUS QUESTIONS BY CHAIRMAN, POLADS, AND OTHER EXPERTS PRESENT. PRESENTATION EMPHASIZED OPENNESS AND FORTHRIGHTNESS AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN HANDLING OBSERVERS. OTHERS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THE US AND FRG PRESENTATIONS AS PROVIDING USEFUL GUIDELINES FOR THEIR OWN CBMS PROGRAMS.. BENNETT

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